SAC, Nework (100-42321)

December 4, 1956

Director, FBI (100-358086 Sub 31) 100-353636-31-150 COLUMNIST INDEX

Reurlet dated November 28, 1956.

Bureau authority is granted you to establish the Commist Index in your office in the manner outlined in relet.

YELLOW: SAC Letter 56-56 (L) dated 10/30/56 provides that the Communist Index should be maintained alphabetically; however, if an office desired to use it as an investigative aid, it could be set up by geographical area in conformance with the office's integrated investigative system following Bureau concurrence. A similar request was submitted by the NY Office by letter 11/8/56. New York's request was discussed in memo from Mr. Belmont to Mr. Boardman dated 11/14/56 and Bulet of 11/15/56 authorized NY to establish the Index in the manner described in the attached letter, it being felt that this procedure would definitely be of benefit as an investigative aid.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/28/56

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SUBJECT:

COMMUNIST INDEX

Re SAC Letter #56-56, 10/30/56. In accordance with instructions set out in reflet, Newark is revising its Communist Index to conform to the standards outlined in reflet.

Bureau permission is requested to set up Newark's Communist Index in the following manner in order that the greatest value may be gained from it:

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The existing cancelled Security Index cards will be utilized as a base to set up the Communist Index by geographical area in conformance with our integrated investigative system.

- 2. Communist Index cards will be added to the geographical breakdown as outlined in instructions set out in SAC Letter #56-56.
- 3. Duplicate copies of the cards maintained in the geographical breakdown of the Communist Index will be prepared and filed alphabetically. The duplicate copies will be prepared at the same time as the cards which are to be filed geographically.

An evaluation sheet has been prepared for use of Agents who will review the files for the purpose of determining whether or not the individuals concerned should be added to the Communist Index. This evaluation sheet includes the items listed in referenced SAC Letter as well as certain items of description, which it is believed will be of value to Agents utilizing the geographically filed Communist Index cards as an investigative aid. Agents are not expected to expend any investigative effort to obtain this descriptive data but will only be expected to set forth this data if it is available in the subject file. It is believed that this evaluation sheet will facilitate the work of Agents making the file reviews and also be of assistance to supervisory personnel in determining whether or not a Communist Index card should be prepared.

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It is believed desirable by this office to maintain both a geographical and alphabetical breakdown of the Communist Index. It is felt that the geographical index will be of practical and continuing value in our current intensified investigations to identify the rank and file Party membership. It is believed that the alphabetical index is necessary in that it provides a central index of individuals possessing subversive sympathies or affiliations.

It is believed that the maximum benefit from the Communist Index can be derived by this office through the maintenance of both geographical and alphabetical breakdowns.

A Director, FBI (100-358086)

COMMUNIST INDEX

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Re SAC Letter 56-56 (L) dated October 30,

1956, containing instructions with regard to the reconstruction of the Communist Index.

In the past, field office files have been stamped "CI" on the front cover to designate those subjects of main case files on whom Communist Index cards existed. In order that file covers can definitely reflect those cases in which a Communist Index card is prepared under existing instructions set out in referenced SAC Letter, you should arrange to have the main case files stamped with the letters "RCI."

Stamps for this purpose should be purchased

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086 Sub 31)

DATE: 1/2/57

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SUBJECT:

COMMUNIST/INDEX

Re SAC Letter 56-56, Section (L) C, concerning the reorganization of the Communist Index. (CI)

As indicated in my letter of 11/28/56, this office prepared an evaluation sheet for use of Agents who were to review files for the purpose of determining whether or not the individuals concerned should be added to the Communist This office had about 2250 subject files to review including cases opened and closed without the subjects' names being included in the Security Index since 4/15/55 and subjects on whom SI cards have been cancelled by application of the revised Security Index criteria since 4/55.

The responsibility for reviewing these files and preparing evaluation sheets was apportioned among the Agents assigned to security work in Headquarters City. Most of the above files have been reviewed, and evaluation sheets prepared on the subjects. The evaluation sheets are being processed and CI cards prepared on the subjects where warranted. Bureau will be advised on 2/1/57 as to the status of this project in the Newark Office at that time.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086 Sub 31) DATE: 1/31/57

FROM

SAC, NEWARK (100-42321)

SUBJECT:

SECURITY COMMUNIST INDEX

Re SAC Letter 56-56, Section (L) C, concerning the reorganization of the Communist Index (CI), and Newark letter to Bureau, 1/2/57.

This office has completed the revision of its Communist Index in accordance with instructions set out in referenced Bulet.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE:

1/15/59

FROM

SAC NEWARK (100-44000)

SUBJECT:

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS

COMMUNIST INDEX

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to Albany 10/2/58.

The following are the first quarterly statistics on the Communist Index (CI) Review Program:

1. Number on CI Beginning of Program

There were 525 individuals who had connections with the Communist Party or related organizations on the Communist Index of the Newark Division at the inception of the program. (There were 100 others on the CI with connections as follows: Nation of Islam - 90, Socialist Workers Party - 9, Independent Socialist League - 1. They are not being considered under the program.)

2. Number on CI to date

For the purposes of the review, there are 514 individuals on the CI to date.

3. Number removed from CI during period

Eighteen individuals were removed during the period under the review program; however, 7 individuals who had connections with the CP or related organizations were added during the period.

4. Number of informants or potential informants developed

None

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5. Number of subjects placed on the Security Index as a result of this program

None

6. Number of espionage cases opened

None

7. Number of subjects found to be employed at Key Facilities or by classified contractors

None

8. Number of instances where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employment or relationships requiring additional dissemination in line with the FBI's overall security responsibilities

None

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE:

FROM

SAC NEWARK (100-44000)

SUBJECT:

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS COMMUNIST INDEX INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReNklet to Director 1/15/59.

Number on CI beginning of program

There were 525 individuals who had connections with the COMMUNIST PARTY or related organizations on the Communist Index of the Newark Division at the inception of the program. (There were 100 others on the CI with connections as follows: NATION OF ISLAM - 90, SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY - 9, INDEPENDENT SOCIALIST LEAGUE - 1. They are not being considered under the program.)

Number on CI to date

For the purposes of the review, there are 520 individuals on the CI to date.

3. Number removed from CI during period

Thirteen individuals, two of whom moved from the Newark Division and whose cases were RUC'd to appropriate Divisions, were deleted during the period under the review Eighteen persons were added during the pertinent program. period.

Number of Informants or Potential Informants developed

None

Number of subjects placed on the Security Index as a result of this program

Four persons were placed on the Security Index.

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6. Number of espionage cases opened

None

7. Number of subjects found to be employed at key facilities or by classified contractors

It was determined that one subject is employed in a key facility.

8. Number of instances where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employment or relationships requiring additional dissemination in line with the FBI's overall security responsibilities

A report was prepared and disseminated in one instance since it was learned that one subject is employed in a key facility.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE:

7/15/59

FROM

SAC NEWARK (100-44000)

SUBJECT:

SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS COMMUNIST INDEX
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Newark letter to Director 4/14/59.

1. Number on CI Beginning of Program

There were 525 individuals who had connections with the Communist Party or related organizations on the Communist Index of the Newark Division at the inception of the program. (There were 100 others on the CI with connections as follows: Nation of Islam - 90, Socialist Workers Party - 9, Independent Socialist League - 1. They are not being considered under the program.)

2. Number on CI to date

For the purposes of the review, there are 507 individuals on the CI to date.

3. Number removed from CI during period

Thirty individuals were removed during this period under the review program; however, 17 individuals who had connections with the CP or related organizations were added during the period.

4. Number of informants or potential informants developed

None

Number of subjects placed on the Security Index as a result of this program

None

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6. Number of espionage cases opened

None

7. Number of subjects found to be employed at key facilities or by classified contractors

None

8. Number of instances where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employment or relationships requiring additional dissemination in line with the FBI's overall security responsibilities

None

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-358086)

DATE:

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SAC NEWARK (100-44000)

SUBJECT:

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OF INDIVIDUALS
COMMUNIST INDEX
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

ReBulet to Albany 10/2/58.

The following are the final quarterly statistics on the Communist Index (CI) Review Program.

I. Number on CI beginning of program

There were 525 individuals who had connections with the Communist Party or related organizations on the CI of the Newark Division at the inception of the program. (There were 100 others on the CI with connections as follows: Nation of Islam - 90, Socialist Workers Party - 9, Independent Socialist League - 1. They were not considered under the program.)

II. Number on CI to date

There are 497 individuals on the CI to date.

III. Number removed from CI during period

45 individuals were removed or their cases RUC'd to other divisions during the period under the review program; however, 35 individuals who had connections with the CP or related organizations were added during the period.

IV. Number of Informants or Potential Informants developed

None

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V. Number of subjects placed on the Security Index as a result of this program

None

VI. Number of espionage cases opened

None

VII. Number of subjects found to be employed in key facilities or by classified contractors

One

VIII. Number of instances where this program turned up subjects with delicate or sensitive employment or relationships requiring additional dissemination in line with the FBI's overall security responsibilities

One

At the start of the CI program in the Newark Division, cases on the 525 individuals with CP or related backgrounds were scheduled for review. Actually a greater number was reviewed, approximately 535 to date, due to additional individuals being placed on the CI during the year.